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SUBJECT: FINAL SUPPLEMENT 14 TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT REGARDING LICENSE RENEWAL FOR R.E. GINNA NUCLEAR
POWER PLANT (TAC NO. MB5225)

Dear Dr. Mecredy:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed the plant-specific Supplement 14 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," regarding the renewal of operating license DPR-18 for the R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, for an additional 20 years of operation. Enclosed is a copy of the final report and the associated *Federal Register* Notice of Availability. The notice advises the public that the final report is available for public inspection in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

As discussed in Section 9.3 of this report, the staff recommends that the Commission determine that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for the R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy planning decision makers would be unreasonable. This recommendation is based on (1) the analysis and findings in the GEIS; (2) the Environmental Report submitted by Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E); (3) consultation with Federal, State, and local agencies; (4) the staff's own independent review; and (5) the staff's consideration of public comments.

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A separate notice of filing of the final environmental impact statement will be placed in the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Robert Schaaf, the NRC Environmental Project Manager at (301) 415-1312.

Sincerely,

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ROCHESTER GAS AND ELECTRIC CORPORATION

DOCKET NO. 50-244

R.E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL SUPPLEMENT 14 TO THE GENERIC
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REGARDING LICENSE RENEWAL
FOR THE R.E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has published a final plant-specific supplement to the "Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS)", NUREG-1437, regarding the renewal of operating license DPR-18 for R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant (Ginna), for an additional 20 years of operation. Ginna is owned by Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E), and is located in Wayne County, New York, approximately 20 miles east of Rochester, New York. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative methods of power generation.

It is stated in Section 9.3 of the report:

Based on (1) the analysis and findings in the GEIS (NRC 1996; 1999); (2) the Ginna ER [Environmental Report] (RG&E 2002b); (3) consultation with other Federal, State, and local agencies; (4) the staff's own independent review; and (5) the staff's consideration of the public comments received, the recommendation of the staff is that the Commission determine that the adverse environmental impacts of license

renewal for Ginna, including cumulative impacts, are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy-planning decisionmakers would be unreasonable.

The final Supplement 14 to the GEIS is available for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov. The final supplement to the GEIS is also available for public inspection at the Ontario Public Library, located at 1850 Ridge Road, Ontario, New York, and the Rochester Public Library, located at 115 South Avenue, Rochester, New York.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Mr. Robert Schaaf, License Renewal and Environmental Impacts Program, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555. Mr. Schaaf may be contacted at (301) 415-1312 or RGS@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of January, 2004.

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